

## 7 young girls die in Jigawa boat mishap

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**NO** fewer than seven young girls were confirmed dead yesterday, when a boat capsized in a river border between Tsuburi Darai and Gilma villages in Jahun local government area of Jigawa state.

The local government secretary, Muhammed Nasir Harbo, who was an eyewitness confirmed the incident to Daily Sun and added that they were still

searching for the remaining children.

Harbo said the accident occurred when the young girls between nine and 12 years old, loaded in two boats, were on their way from Tsuburi Darai village to cross the river to Gilma village.

Police spokesman in the state, DSP Abdul Jinjiri also confirmed the death of the six young girls.

Jinjiri explained that the children, who were from Darai village on their way to cross the river and attend a wedding ceremony

in Gilma.

He also confirmed that the total number of the children involved in the incident as 12 while six died and six escaped.

In Kano, at least two shops were gutted by fire at the famous Kurmi Market. The mid night fire also destroyed goods estimated at N3 million.

Kurmi market is the oldest market in Kano established by Emir Muhammad Rumfa in the 15th century.

Daily Sun gathered the fire incident occurred in

the night after traders had gone home, according to witnesses. It was gathered that items that were mostly affected by the inferno were horse wears and other kinds of animal attires.

In December last year, a similar fire outbreak broke out at the Abubakar Rimi Market in Sabon Gari, destroying goods worth over N300 million.

Officials of the fire service said the incident was quickly controlled, adding that they have opened investigation into the cause of the fire.